LANGUAGES NEEDED

**Korean

한국말을하시면이곳에표시해

**Vietnamese

Bạn nói tiếng Việt phải không?

**Somali

Maku hadashaa afka somaaliga?

• **Arabic

هل تتكلم العربية؟

**Mandarin Chinese

你會講中文嗎?

**Russian

Вы говорите по-русски?

**Kurdish

ئايا كوردى قسىه دەكەيت؟

Laotian

ຖ້າທ່ານປາກພາສາລາວກະຣຸນນາຊີ້ບອກ

Portuguese

Voce fala Portugues?

French

Parlez-vous Français?

• Spanish

Habla usted Espanol?

(**) Indicate languages in high demand

If you speak a language not listed above, please contact the AOC.



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ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL

In an effort to provide all individuals with equal access to the judicial Tennessee system. the / Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) created the Court Interpreter Credentialing Program. program's purpose is to provide the Tennessee Judicial System with skilled interpreters that accurately and effectively interpret for a witness or party who speaks or understands little or no English. Interpreters are also sometimes responsible for translating written documents, often of a legal nature, from English into the target language and from the target language into English.

As the population of Tennessee becomes more diverse, interpreters are greatly needed to provide services for the judicial system. The Administrative Office of the Courts is currently seeking interpreters for <u>all</u> languages, especially Korean and Vietnamese.

We encourage and invite everyone that speaks a foreign language to become familiar with the court interpreter program. Your assistance is very much needed.

REQUIREMENTS OF COURT INTERPRETERS

- 1. Attend an approved two-day (14 hour) ethics & skill building workshop.
- 2. Pass an approved written examination.
- 3. Pass an oral proficiency interview.
- 4. Pass a criminal background check.
- 5. Show official documentation to work or remain in the U.S.
- 6. Sign interpreter oath.

TYPES OF INTERPRETERS

Non-Credentialed – one that has not been designated as registered or certified by the AOC.

Registered – one that has completed steps 1-6 of the program.

<u>Certified</u> – one that has completed all requirements of the program and has received a passing score on the three-part oral exam.

INTERPRETER COMPENSATION

(Applicable to criminal indigent cases when the defendant cannot pay)

Non-Credentialed: \$25.00 per hour, with a two-hour minimum guarantee.

Registered: \$40.00 per hour, with a two-hour minimum guarantee.

<u>Certified</u>: \$50.00 per hour, with a two-hour minimum guarantee.

Reasons to Become a Court Interpreter

- ✓ Challenging
- ✓ Rewarding
- ✓ Great Opportunity
- ✓ Helping Others
- ✓ Great Pay





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